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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: THE MARCOS CHAIR AT THE FLETCHER SCHOOL

1. DEAN GULLION OF THE FLETCHER SCHOOL DEPARTED
MANILA TODAY AFTER RECEIVING A WRITTEN COMMITMENT OF THE
MARCOS FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE AN ENDOWMENT OF \$1.5 MILLION
FOR THE "THE FERDINAND E. MARCOS CHAIR OF EAST ASIAN-PACIFIC
AFFAIRS" AT FLETCHER.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 5 GULLION BRIEFED POL COUNSELOR ON HIS
DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS AND FOREIGN SECRETARY
ROMULO CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHAIR. GULLION
OPINED THAT MARCOS' ESSENTIAL PURPOSE IN ENDOWING THE
CHAIR WAS TO ENHANCE HIS IMAGE IN THE U.S. HOWEVER, THERE
HAS BEEN NO AGREEMENT REACHED YET ON HOW TO HANDLE THE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ENDOWMENT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS SOME
TALK OF ROMULO'S DOING THIS DURING HIS VISIT TO THE U.S.
IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORTHCOMING UNGA. GULLION
SAID THAT WITH BOTH MARCOS AND ROMULO HE HAD BROACHED THE
POSSIBILITY THAT MARCOS MIGHT MAKE SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT DURING
A VISIT BY HIM TO THE U.S. THIS FALL. GULLION NOTED THAT, WHILE
THE PRESIDENT DEMURRED (REFERRING TO HIS BUSY SCHEDULE),
HE WAS OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN THE PROPOSITION. GULLION
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INDICATED THAT WHEN HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON CIRCA SEPTEMBER
18 HE MIGHT PURSUE WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER OR UNDER
SECRETARY HABIB THIS POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLY MARCOS "STATE
VISIT" TO THE U.S.

3. COMMENT: WE DID NOT ENCOURAGE GULLION IN HIS THINKING ABOUT
SOME SORT OF OFFICIAL VISIT BY MARCOS. WE REPORT THE FOREGOING

TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF GULLION'S INTEREST IN THIS
MATTER AND PARTICULARLY TO ALERT ASSISTANT SECRETARY
HOLBROOKE SHOULD THE QUESTION ARISE DURING HIS FORTHCOMING
VISIT HERE.
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